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OREGON, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Oregon, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for evading more than \$40,000 in individual income taxes by making false statements on his 2000 Federal Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040.

Phillip Morris, 56, of Oregon, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to four years of probation with six months of home detention and ordered to pay his civil and criminal tax liabilities.

On May 19, 2005, **Morris** pleaded guilty to making false statements on his Federal Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, by significantly understating his total taxable income. The Form 1040 containing the false statements was signed by the defendant on Feb. 8, 2001.

On the document, **Morris** reported that a total taxable income of negative \$28,177, an adjusted gross income of \$28,299 and a total taxable income of \$0. In truth, however, **Morris'** total taxable income for 2000 was \$119,151.18 and the tax due and owing on that amount was \$40,890, Graves said.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. The case was investigated by the IRS – Criminal Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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